

SPADEWORK

MARCH 2015 Newsletter

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... from our President ...

Our season is well underway with Club days well attended. It's been pleasing to note increased numbers of players on Wednesday nights attended by people who have been through the lessons and follow-ups. Lovely to have you all with us. Visitors from other countries have also helped re-vitalise our evenings.

We were saddened to learn of John Yuill's passing and we will miss his dry humour.

On a happier note we were pleased to help celebrate Jo Small's 95th birthday. Jo has always been a very helpful Club Member and must have placed thousands of cups out on the bench for our tea break use. Thank you Jo.

Our first tournament of the year went off very well.

There were only 13 tables and followed on the heels of the huge Tauranga A teams tournament so we were very pleased to have people attend our event.

Once again a huge thank you to our capable committee, Byrta's beautiful floral arrangement, and for those who weren't lucky enough to receive a prize, then Flo's magnificent lunch would have more than compensated.

The centre of our Club Rooms is the warmer area to sit if you feel the cold, providing of course you have won the lucky toss to sit N/S. Regardless of whether we are cooling for summer or heating for winter we have to try to cater for the 'average' individual, so extra clothing that can be shed or worn is a good idea at bridge sessions.

I will be absent for the first two weeks in April attending a family Reunion in the South Island.

Our capable Committee will continue with the smooth running of our Club.

Good Bridging *June*

from Club Captain Gloria

PLEASE NOTE - Change to programme for the following dates –



Teams will now be played on Monday 20th April, 4th May and 11th May. Because of the Anzac Day holiday Monday 27th April will be a Voucher Day.

When the announcements are being made before play commences it is important that everyone stop talking and listens to what is being said.

When each hand has been played and scored pass the board on quickly - do not discuss the hand – others can hear you.

Make each hand enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents. Enjoy and keep coming back.

Improver's lessons

We are lucky to have the first 3 of these at our club, starting on Tuesday 7 April. Please indicate on the list on the board if you would like to attend so that we may have an indication of numbers. The 3 sessions are listed and more details are on the notice board.



more ADDITIONS for your Programme books:

New members, welcome to:

Ruby Cusworth

Jean McCulloch

and also to Associate Member

Heather Slee

Alterations - Flo Nield's mobile

Margaret Wham

I'm giving up bridge tonight's my last night. It's Amen to Staymen ... I give up the fight. The insults and muddles are giving me troubles and I can't sleep at night for thinking about doubles. My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten who's played and what's trump and what's gone on my right! So for now it's all over I'm off to the backwood. I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood. I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain. I'm getting those bad cards again and again. ☺☺☺



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays March '15 **Furniture Gallery
Pairs Handicap**

Mondays pm March '15 **Caddysnak Cafe
Pairs**

Thursdays Feb '15 **Furniture Gallery
Pairs Handicap**

Fridays Feb '15 **Carol Hair Salon
Pairs**

1st Pam Clotworthy & Lyn Gilchrist

2nd Barry Crosby & Sarah Stacey

3rd Jo-an White & Jo Small

1st Elaine Kingsford & Robyn Knight

2nd Phil West & Gill West

3rd Michele Rogers & Brian Cavit

1st Colleen Ross & Bruce Vant

2nd Corinne Levy & Yvonne Madden

3rd Joan Heuvel & Pat Sherrell

1st Julie Downs & Noelene Shrimpton

2nd Shirley Knight & Sarah Stacey

3rd Dianne Brown & Nancy Ward.

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1st Micheal Curry & Kenneth Yule

2nd Pat Ware & Jo Parr

3rd Julie Sheridan & Marion Kelly

Welfare Officer Rosemary Collins

conveys club members' good wishes to
Muriel Cruickshank and Jean Scott

Sadly we lost a member, *John Quill* a couple of weeks ago. Some of us attended his funeral and it struck us that although we had enjoyed his quiet humour and many hours of bridge with him, we really knew very little about him.

John had an illustrious career in the Public Service, rising to Deputy Director General of the then Department of Social Welfare. He was a great leader and mentor and always challenged those around him to deliver their best.

Helene Quilter, now Secretary for Defence, was mentored by John for much of her working life. She was one of many to speak about John and said even in his retirement, she would ring him for advice and yes, still even 'enjoyed' being challenged by him on work issues.

Murray Knight spoke sincerely and also a special contribution was delivered by Linley Hay about his time at the Bridge Club with us. A few humorous stories were also appropriately recounted.

John was a man of great culture, having a love of theatre, opera and classical music. He himself was a very talented singer. John appreciated the finer things in life too; single malt whiskeys, fine wines, great cheeses and of course, bridge!

- Pamela Pedersen

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY JO SMALL

Born in 1920, Jo served as Corporal W/18979 in the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service), joining in September 1939. At Totton Gun Site, Southampton, Jo cooked at the 251 HAA Battery of the 80th Regt. Officers' Mess. The kitchen was all under canvas and she was billeted in the village for a very wet autumn with mud up to knees. Jo was moved many times but ended up at Winslow Gun Site for her first wartime Christmas. It was so cold that the water in the fire bucket froze inside the Nissen Huts. Jo experienced raids on Portsmouth and Southampton and then went to Fort Fareham to learn plotting. Later that year, 1940, she went to Signal School, Kinston-on-Thames to master the BBX (telephone exchange), then returned to Fort Fareham.

When posted to Chichester Jo met her New Zealand husband. Married in 1944, they sailed for NZ on 8th May 1945 - VE Day. It was 21 years before Jo was able to make a trip home, having had 5 children.

Jo has played social bridge for 55 years and Club bridge off and on since 1980, joining the Mt Club 15 years ago. One of the fastest players in the club, Jo features in

CLUB RESULTS this month.

Well done Jo.



Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three

